# The 21st British Filk Convention

## 6-8 February 2009

Ramada Grantham, Swingbridge Road
Grantham NG31 7XT

**Guest of Honour**
**Richard "Hitch" Wheatley**

**International Guest of Honor**
**Rand Bellavia and Adam English**

# Introduction

As inevitable as a modulation to the dominant, we bring you the final progress report for the 21st British Filk Convention, aXXIdental.

# Grantham Ramada Hotel

The deadline for booking a room at the hotel through the convention has now gone.  If we have received a booking for you, the e-mail or envelope this PR came in (check your bin!) will say: **X ThFrSaSu** where X = either "S" for Single, "D" for Double, "T" for Twin or "C" for Child (sharing parents' room). Only the nights you have booked will be shown. If you are in dire straights (just south of Wales) and haven't booked, contact Miki (mikidennis@sweethaven.uk.net) for advice.

The hotel have told us that they have a small number of rooms in which guests are allowed to smoke. If you would like such a room, please ask; otherwise, we have assumed you do not want one. Also, although there are no 'family' rooms, the hotel are willing to make arrangements for a small child to share its parents' double room. They have one or two pairs of rooms with interconnecting doors. Again, please ask if you wish to make an arrangement like this.

The hotel have not asked us to collect any deposits for hotel bookings. You will be expected to settle your own hotel bill with the hotel at the convention.

## How to get there – by road...

**From the A1 North:** Take the A607 Grantham, Melton Mowbray turn off. At the end of the slip road is a small roundabout, take the first exit on the left and then turn immediately right into the Hotel entrance.

**From the A1 South:** Take the A607 Grantham, Melton Mowbray turn off. At the bottom of the slip road you will come to a T junction, turn right towards Grantham. Travel under the A1 flyover and take the first turn on the left, signposted the A1 South, London and Stamford. You will come to a small roundabout, take the second turn off and the Hotel entrance is on the right.

**From the West A52 (Notts):** From the A52 take the A1 South. Then take A607 Grantham, Melton Mowbray turn off. At the end of the slip road is a small roundabout, take the first exit on the left and then turn immediately right into the Hotel entrance.

**From the East A52 (Boston):** Follow the A52 into Grantham, past the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks and to the set of traffic lights at the bottom of the hill. At these traffic lights continue straight over, signposted towards A607 Melton Mowbray. At the end of this road you will come to another set of traffic lights with a pub on the right, turn left here. You will go past the Fire Station on your right, take the next turning on the right signposted A1 South, London, Stamford. You will come to a small roundabout, take the second turn off and the Hotel entrance is on the right.

## by train...

Grantham is on the East Coast main line between London Kings Cross and Edinburgh. London Kings Cross also sits directly opposite the new Eurotunnel terminal at St. Pancras, providing an easy tube-free change. The station is about a mile from the hotel.

## by plane...

The nearest airports are East Midlands, Leeds/Bradford and London Stansted. The first two require a bus journey to connect to the nearest station, while Stansted is directly on the rail network and, although further away, may be easier for transfers.
(*with thanks to the previous concom for these sterling directions!*)

# aXXIdental Songbook: "On the Filk Road"

We're pleased to report that the aXXIdental songbook, "On the Filk Road", has been sent to the publishers! There are just over 90 songs in it, and the total length will be just over 150 pages, making it officially enormous! (It's 25 pages more than "Under Filk Wood"). Special thanks to Alison and Mike Richards for all their hard work, and to all contributors of music and artwork. It will be on sale at the convention (price to be confirmed) and all profits go to the filk fund.

# Filkfund auction

It's the time of year once more to be reminding you that there will be an auction to benefit the Filk Fund at the convention and all donations are very much appreciated. I particularly encourage the donation of handmade items, chocolate or music related items. If you can donate a musical instrument you hand-make out of chocolate I think we'll be on to a winner!

# Programming

Our programme is now full! If you haven't already, please e-mail your tech requirements to axxidental@hewett.org so we can alert Martin and Andy Gordon-Kerr, who have kindly agreed to run our tech this year.

In addition to a number of glorious sets and our Before the Dawn extravaganza, activities include medieval dancing, microphone workshop, harp workshop, silly games by Peter Wareham and Gwen Funnell, an Ecumenifilk, as well as a mystery workshop by Rand and Adam! So don't forget to sign up where necessary for these and of course the one-shots concert on Saturday!

## Who are you guys anyway?

A reminder of who's available for your convention needs:

Miki Dennis (Hotel Liaison)
Mich Sampson (Guest Liaison, Publications)
Peter Westhead (Programme)
Rick Hewett (Finances, Memberships)
Mike Westhead (Without Portfolio)
Mike Richards (Without Portfolio, Harp Perpetrator)

**Contact us at axxidental@hewett.org or by post to aXXIdental, 15 St. Catherine's Cross, Bletchingley, Surrey RH1 4PX.**

## Registration

If this PR was sent to you, then you are already registered. So why not take the opportunity to sell a friend a membership?

Booking in advance: £32 waged attending, £16 for children 6-17, unwaged attending adults, or supporting adult memberships.
£1 for children 5 and under or for stuffed toys. Send cheques and membership form (http://www.contabile.org.uk/membership.html) to the address above. Make UK cheques payable to aXXIdental, or contact us if you wish to make an electronic transfer.

If you are abroad and haven't booked yet: rather than handling the current intricacy of Euro and dollar rates, please book your membership with us in advance and promise to pay £32 on the door!

**Day rates**
On-the-door membership will be £35 (£18 unwaged etc.) and day rates will be £10 for Friday, £20 for Saturday, and £15 for Sunday. Save yourself a little by joining now!

# Membership List

Being the list of reprobates as of 8 January 2009...

GoH 1 Rand
GoH 2 Adam English
GoH 3 Hitch
Com 4 Miki Dennis
Com 5 Mich Sampson
Com 6 Mike Westhead
Com 7 Peter Westhead
Com 8 RickH
Com 9 Mike Richards
A 10 Matt/Budrick
A 11 Marion
A 12 Tricia
A 13 Sue Edwards
A 14 Alexa
A 15 FanTom
A 16 Teddy
X 17 Dave
A 18 Janet Maughan
A 19 Robert Maughan
A 20 Jessica Prett
A 21 Dave S
A 22 Rika
A 23 The Magician
A 24 Deborah
A 25 Melusine
A 26 Valerie
A 27 Chris Bell
A 28 Gwen Funnell
A 29 Peter Wareham
A 30 Kathy Songbird
A 31 Colin Tuckley
A 32 Square Bear
A 33 Emily Raftery
A 34 Rafe Culpin
A 35 Alison Richards
A 37 Peter Tyers
A 38 Barbara Stewart
A 39 John Stewart
A 40 Rhodri James
A 41 Roger Robinson
A 42 Tim
A 43 Annie
M 44 Jared
C 45 Ellie
A 46 Andrew Barton
A 47 Kate Soley-Barton
A 48 Kathy Westhead
A 49 Karen Westhead
A 50 Tony Rogers
A 51 Bill
A 52 Brenda
A 53 Leo Sands
A 54 Kathy Sands
A 55 Ju
A 56 Keris
A 57 Liz
M 58 Alistair
M 59 Abi
M 60 Rachel

A 61 Anna
A 62 Marilisa
A 63 Azakir Devaris
A 64 Soir Blackwing
A 65 Smitty
A 66 Diana Joan (D.J) Bass
A 67 Michael Bernardi
A 68 Vera's Zimmerframe
A 69 Vera Emlyn
A 70 Franklin
A 71 Jenny
A 72 Paul B. =:o}
A 73 JewelSong
A 74 Nancy Freeman
A 75 Donna Cat
A 76 Hilary Ann
A 77 Ωmega
A 78 Nat
A 79 Hamster Girl
A 80 Bridget Wilkinson
A 81 Debbie Levy
A 82 Simon Fairbourn
A 83 Talis Kimberley
M 84 Corwin Kimberley
M 85 Pippa
A 86 Lissa
A 87 Phil
M 88 Alex
C 89 Amy
A 90 Sib
S 91 Robert Rosenfeld
FF 92 Trudy
A 93 Jela
A 95 Andy
A 96 Martin GK
A 97 Chris Malme
A 98 Zelandeth
A 99 Christo
A 100 Gwen
A 101 Joe
A 102 Katie
A 103 Terence Chua
A 106 Jolene
A107 Janet J
A 108 Doran Eirok
A 109 Tamara Kamaris
A 110 Beckyrachel
A 111 David Peek